



Make a Typecase into a Coffee Table

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SUMMARY

I visited Hackett at the Madagascar Institute here in Brooklyn, NY where he helped me weld legs and a base together. You can take a class at your local metal shop or watch Make: Live episode 14.

Step 1 — Make a Typecase into a Coffee Table



- Take a class at your local metal shop or watch Make: Live episode 14 to learn the basics of welding to create a table base and legs.

Step 2



- Or you can bypass welding altogether, and attach hairpin legs with screws.

Step 3



- Take your typecase or tabletop to your local glass store, or cut the glass yourself, using gloves and protective eye wear.

Step 4



- Wipe your newly welded legs and base down with some rubbing alcohol to clean it. Paint over it with Liquin to give it a lasting finish.

Step 5



- Attach felt pads to the bottom of the table legs to avoid scratching the floor.

Step 6



- Attach the tabletop to the legs with rivets or Liquid Nails. If you use Liquid Nails, clamp the table and legs together for several hours after applying.

Step 7



- Fill your typecase with trinkets that you can change as often as you want. Add rubber pads to each corner, then place the glass on top.
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